

# 1-508th settles in for new mission in Afghanistan



Spec. Thomas Walsh, 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry (Airborne) leads two donkeys packed with Meals Ready to Eat boxes and rucksacks at Forward Operating Base Orgun-E, Afghanistan. The 1-508th, one unit of the Combined Joint Task Force-76 that makes up Operation Enduring Freedom VI, are currently in the process of taking over operations from the 25th Infantry Division who are rotating back to Hawaii this March. (Photo by Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Lane, CJTF-76 Public Affairs)

By Sgt. Adrian Schulte  
CJTF-76 Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Tim McGuire, commander, 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry (Airborne), 173d

Airborne Brigade, and now Task Force Fury in Afghanistan, is noticeably excited when he talks about his battalion's new mission. "We are extremely prepared," McGuire said. "We have spent the

last year preparing for this mission. "A large percentage of the battalion was in Iraq and those Soldiers who have joined us since our return from Iraq — many of them come with experience from Iraq and Afghanistan.

"So we are ready, well-equipped and very eager to get out and build upon the success of the units that have preceded us here," he said.

The battalion, along with other elements from the 173d, fell in on the positions occupied by elements of the Hawaii-based 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, at the Forward Operating Base Orgun-E, outside the town of Orgune in the Paktika province, southeastern Afghanistan.

For the next year, the Red Devils will be responsible for the Paktika province. The province is approximately the size of Vermont and shares a 600-kilometer border with Pakistan.

The Soldiers of the 1-508th will be working hand in hand with the Afghan government, the Afghan National Army, the Afghan Police and most importantly with the Afghan people to ensure the long-term peace and prosperity of the region, McGuire said.

The transition has been very smooth for the Red Devils as they adjust to their new environment and responsibilities.

"This has been the best relief in place in transition I have taken part in," said McGuire. "The Wolfhounds from the 25th Infantry Division did a great job. They have really done a great job getting us out among the people so we can learn from their year's worth of experience."

The troops are prepared and looking forward to the adventures that lay ahead, McGuire said.

"The Soldiers are excited by the mission and they realize the importance of Afghanistan on the global war on terror," he said. "We have a chance here to show this entire region that democracy and rule of law works, and that the people benefit."

Task Force Fury's area of responsibility is a large one, which will keep the Soldiers of the 1-508th busy and engaged for the next 12 months.

"In the next year, I'm looking forward to going out there and seeing my whole sector," said Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Holland, platoon leader, Alpha Company, 1-508th. "I've already been out there for

eight days, and I haven't seen enough. I want to go out there and I want to be able to see every town and check it out. There will be a lot of good experiences for my Soldiers and myself.

"Morale is really high," Holland said. "The Soldiers are new in sector, and they are pumped to get out there and start doing things and seeing what is around."

While the troops are excited about what lies ahead, they are aware of the challenges as well.

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Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffery Hof (left) and Lt. Col. Timothy McGuire uncased the 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry (Airborne) colors during a transfer of authority ceremony March 12 at Forward Operating Base Orgun-E, Afghanistan. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Bradley Rhen)

## Birthing Center Dedication

The U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza and the 22nd Area Support Group invite the community to the Benincaso Mother and Infant Pavilion ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday at 4 p.m. in the Caserma Ederle gymnasium. Following the ceremony, there will be an opportunity for a sneak preview of the new maternity facility.

See Page 4 for more on the dedication and new facility.





Soldiers from Delta Battery, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 173d Airborne Brigade, sling load a M119 105mm Howitzer to a CH-47 Chinook helicopter at Forward Operating Base Orgun-E in southeastern Afghanistan March 12. The paratroopers, along with the 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry (Airborne), and other elements of the 173d, are a part of Task Force Fury and will be responsible for the Paktika province for the next year.  
Right: Other Delta Battery Soldiers occupy a position at the FOB. (Photos by Sgt. Adrian Schulte, CJTF-76 Public Affairs)

“There is an enemy out there, and we are fighting an insurgency,” McGuire said. “We are going to fight and win this insurgency because we are focusing on the people. The Afghan people are committed to peace and they are committed to working together for prosperity.

“We are going to work hand and hand with the government,” he said. “One of our challenges will be helping to empower and enable the government and the Afghan security forces. It’s just continuing to extend the reach of the central government and show the Afghan people that their future lives are better with the rule of law, democracy and freedom by working closely with the international community.”

The terrain of the Paktika province is an unforgiving one and will continue to pose a challenge through the next year. This has been an especially harsh winter for the Afghan people and the weather is

wreaking havoc on the countryside. For troops who rely on large, brawny HUMVEEs to get around, the lack of roads will pose a challenge in a country that often relies on alternate modes of transportation, such as mules.

“One of our challenges will be the lack of infrastructure here,” McGuire said. “Some of the roads right now are more rivers or tar pits of mud, so we will put a lot of effort into working with the Afghan officials to improve crossing sites and roads throughout the area.”

“Maintenance is going to be a big challenge,” Holland said. “The terrain out there... there aren’t any real roads, except for actually in Orgune itself and some of the other major places in our sector. But down south, there really aren’t a lot of roads. You drive down wadi [riverbeds during the rainy season] and you drive over large rocks, so you go out there with your maintenance

team ready for fixing stuff.” Even though the driving conditions are not optimal, the living conditions have been more than what was expected.

“We are really pleased with the living conditions here,” McGuire said. “Our predecessors did a great job of building up the FOB for us.”

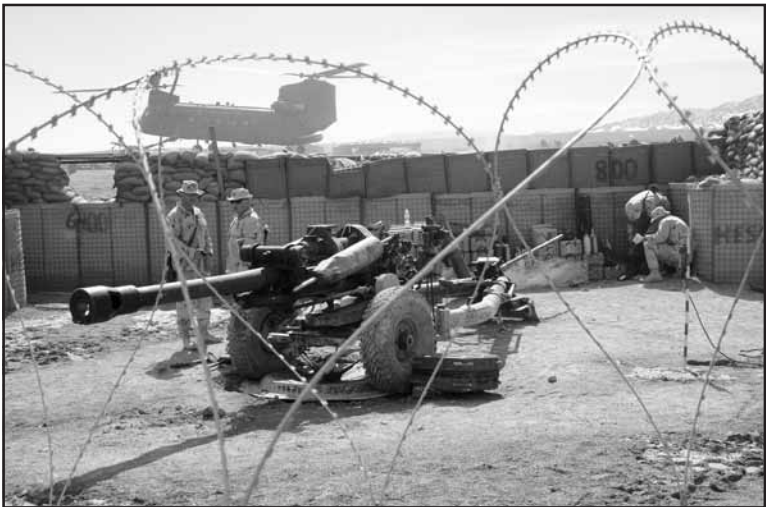
“It’s definitely a notch above what we left in Iraq,” said Holland. “[The 25th] left it in good order so we moved right in. All we are doing is improving on something that they have already made great for us, so it’s a great place.”

“It’s a piece of cake compared to Iraq,” said Pfc. Robert Beall, forward observer, A Co, 1-508th, who spent time in northern Iraq with the battalion. “This place is nice. We have constant power, the phones work, we have the Internet and we have running water so you can take a shower everyday.

“The living quarters are pretty good,” Beall said. “We have a lot of guys in there, but if you can’t live in close quarters for a year, how can you expect to work with them? It’s a little crowded but nothing we can’t work with.”

The Red Devils are in place, settled and ready for the year ahead. They will be working with the Afghan people to help improve this war-torn country.

“The Afghans are committed to close relations with the U.S. and improving their life,” McGuire said. “They have had 25 years of war here. They are ready for peace and they are ready to work hard to achieve it.”



## Community Action Council

This forum is to discuss issues that affect the community.

If you have an issue that you would like to submit, visit the 22nd Area Support Group Web site at [www.22asg.vicenza.army.mil](http://www.22asg.vicenza.army.mil) and click on the Community Action Council link.

This link provides you the opportunity to review issues that have been previously submitted and responded to by post agencies. There is also a form available for you to submit any new issue you would like addressed.

If you have any questions, call 634-5222 or 0444-71-5222 from off post.

The command encourages you to identify yourself when submitting a CAC issue in order to be able to answer your concern directly.

Childcare is offered during the CAC at \$2.50 per hour, per child for children ages 6 weeks through kindergarten from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

Children will be cared for in the Child Development Center, Building 395. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services Central Registration. Call 634-7219 or stop by their new location in Davis Hall.

The next CAC is April 27 at 9 a.m. in the Ederle Theater.

**Issue:** What is the profit margin for AAFES on gas sold in Italy? Is it more in Italy than in Germany? If so why?

**Response from AAFES:** Let us clarify the Italian gas program. The Italian gas program and POL pricing is completely different from the German gas program and pricing.

Italian gas prices are based on the tax free price Italian oil companies pay for fuel. A number of factors influence the final price of fuel in Italy, which may not have the same impact on prices stateside.

While we understand why customers compare prices in Italy with those stateside this is not a factor when determining Italian fuel prices. Italian fuel prices are determined by;

the price of fuel which is provided to the Navy every 15 days by the Defense Energy Supply Center (the price AGIP and ESSO sell oil to the Navy), the euro fluctuation, and gains and losses due to euro fluctuation during the 15-day period.

We ensure that the difference between wholesale and retail is strictly controlled by our Tax-Free Products administrator in Naples, Italy.

It has remained unchanged for nearly 30 years. The nominal amount of 15 percent helps to defer the significant administrative expenses, equipment repair, foreign currency losses, transportation and printing costs. It is not realistic to compare tax-free coupon prices in Italy to gas pump prices in the United States, or to other countries gas programs and prices due to all of the factors mentioned.

Please take note Italian POL prices are established and regulated by the Italian Ministry and the Tax-Free Products administrator in Naples, Italy.

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Please remember 100 percent of our AAFES earnings goes to MWR dividends for quality of life programs and modern places to shop such as your renovated post exchange, new Charley’s Steakery and the upcoming Burger King renovation.

**Issue:** Traffic leaving Villaggio (both immediately outside the security gate and merging onto via Della Pace) during rush hour is both extremely heavy and dangerous.

There is another building in the industrial park next to Villaggio nearing completion that is at least 70,000 sq. ft. Traffic is only going to get worse once it opens, and there is still room to build in the park.

Can a traffic light be installed or can an alternate entrance/exit to the industrial area

be put in, perhaps down by the Autostrada traffic circle?

Does the city have any plans to fix the problem? Can the Villaggio rear gate by self help be used as an exit-only gate for rush hour Monday-Friday?

**Response from the Office of the Provost Marshal:** The PMO is unable at this time to open the rear gate (Villaggio) as requested due to manning/funding limitations.

The PMO currently supports additional manning requirements during “rush hour” by providing additional guard personnel and MPs to Gate 1 (Main Gate) and Gate 3 (school bus bate) to ensure timely access to Caserma Ederle.

Additionally, a route survey of the alternate routes used when exiting the rear gate revealed there was no advantage (shorter traffic/shorter drive time) to drivers. In fact, drive times and distance driven was greater than using Villaggio Main Gate and entering the traffic circle.

**Response from the SETAF Political Advisor:** The City of Vicenza is working on a long term plan in that area to build a large traffic circle to assist in the orderly flow of traffic for exiting and entering the roads within the Villaggio/Industrial park area.

**Issue:** Is there Digital Subscriber Line or its equivalent available to Soldiers in the barracks? What about additional phone/DSL lines in Villaggio? If not, what would it take to make this option available?

**Response from AAFES:** AAFES, Sprint and Installation Management Agency-Europe will jointly determine the sequence of roll outs for Army installations in Europe based on IMA-Es’ recommendations.

We expect the first test location, Grafenwoehr, to be implemented within about 60 days.

Shortly after the test begins, we will ask IMA-E to provide a proposed list of locations for the roll out, in order of priority.

While the previous IMA-E list did not include Italy, in recent conversations IMA-E

has indicated that Italy is now a priority. We expect it will rank high on the next list.

**Response from Directorate of Public Works:** Currently ADSL service for Villaggio is provided through telephone lines controlled by Telecom Italia. Telecom Italia has reported that all lines available are in use. This precludes any new customers from signing up. Telecom Italia is investigating the feasibility of additional ADSL lines for Villaggio and the results will be reported at the next Community Action Council.

**Issue:** In the states, you can easily walk into a home improvement store or grocery store and rent a commercial-quality steam cleaner for cleaning rugs and furniture. My research has turned up nothing in this area both on and off post. Can we purchase some for the community and make them available for rent at Self-Help?

If this isn’t a viable option, where can we find people to hire locally who will clean the rugs and furniture in the homes, without having to take them away?

**Response from DPW:** The Self-Help store at Villaggio stocks equipment and supplies for the upkeep of government-owned and controlled housing and furnishings.

As stated above, homes on Villaggio are not furnished with wall to wall carpeting nor are area rugs provided. This precludes us then from stocking steam cleaners and cleaning supplies for free distribution. The Self-Help store does not currently charge for items and is neither staffed nor equipped to stock cleaners and supplies for rental or purchase.

**Response from AAFES:** AAFES offered carpet cleaning machines at our service marts until Sept. 2003. Due to low usage from the community, we discontinued this service as it was cost prohibitive to continue. Because most homes in Italy do not have wall-to-wall carpeting like the United States or Germany, this is a major factor with low usage.

We are looking to see if there are contractors on the economy that would be interested in partnering with AAFES for a home carpet and upholstery cleaning service.



# 2-503d Soldier dedicates time, heart to VHS wrestlers

Vicenza High School  
*Special to the Outlook*

“[1st Lt.] Tom Anderson is an inspirational teacher and coach during after school wrestling practices and sets an example of dedication, discipline and desire for my high school wrestlers to strive for every day of the season,” said George Hanby III, Vicenza High School teacher and wrestling coach. “His patience, guidance, compassion and enthusiasm help motivate and inspire all the wrestlers to reach beyond their own physical and mental limits.”

Anderson, the Mortar Platoon leader with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne), has been wrestling since he was in grade school. He also competed at the collegiate level at a weight of 197 lbs during his junior and senior years at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point.

“I got to be part of something really special,” said Anderson about working with the Vicenza High School wrestlers. “It was really inspiring to see the men on the team work so hard and improve every week.

“I think we all got to discover together how great things can happen when you believe in yourself and put in the extra time and effort,” he said.

Anderson devoted himself to assisting the high school wrestlers and coach for the whole season, starting in December 2004 and recently finishing with the European finals in February. He accompanied the team on

trips to Naples, Rome, Aviano and a 13-hour round trip to Wiesbaden, Germany, for the championships.

“Coach Tom always finds something positive to say to each athlete whether they win or lose their wrestling matches,” said Hanby, who has been a wrestling coach for DoDDS for 10 years. “The main reason the Vicenza Cougar Wresting Team took third place in Division III DoDDS-Europe and Gary King [a VHS student] placed second in DoDDS-Europe at 145 lbs is because Tom Anderson was with us from the start to the finish.

“I have had superb volunteers from the military every year to help me train and lead the high school wrestlers to success on the mat, but this year was something special. Tom built an incredibly strong bond with all the wrestlers and myself over the course of the season.

“Through his words and actions, Tom demonstrated the powerful personal philosophy that gives him an inner strength of character,” Hanby said. “Anderson has shown me a great deal, not only about wrestling techniques and physical conditioning, but also the core values that make up an athlete and a gentleman, both on and off the wrestling mat.

“I love the sport of wrestling,” said Anderson. “There’s no other sport that can test and teach a man so many things. I just wanted to pass some of that on.”

“Tom stands as an outstanding role model and an exemplar for everything that

From left to right: Vicenza High School Wrestler Gary King, 1st Lt. Tom Anderson, VHS Wrestler Kyle Stammer and VHS Wrestler Shane Hinton. Anderson, the Mortar Platoon leader with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne) volunteered his time and energy to working with the high school wrestling team throughout this year’s season. The team took third place in Division III DoDDS-Europe and King placed second in DoDDS-Europe at 145 lbs. (Photo provided by George Hanby III, VHS teacher and wrestling coach)

the sport of wrestling represents,” Hanby said. “I’m convinced he will rise to any challenge in the future and support those around him above and beyond the call of duty.”

Anderson will be deploying to

Afghanistan soon with his fellow 2-503d Soldiers.

“Coach Tom will be long remembered by this year’s Vicenza High School Wrestling Team,” said Hanby. “We look forward to his safe return from Afghanistan in 2006.”

## Students learn leadership skills, work with other cultures at ISLI

By Megan Gafford  
*Outlook Staff*

Two Vicenza High School students, along with 150 participants from all over Europe, took part in the 24th International Student Leadership Institute at Oberwesel, Germany, March 6-11.

Grace Pemberton and Megan Gafford, the VHS representatives, along with participants from nine different countries and Department of Defense Dependent Schools across Europe, learned a myriad of leadership skills such as coalition building, negotiation, advocacy, consensus seeking, and

the different types of leaders.

“I plan on using the leadership skills that I learned by running for president of Student Council in my senior year,” said Pemberton, who is currently a junior. “I learned that there are many different types of leaders. I also returned with a much greater respect for leaders and appreciation and acceptance for different cultures and ethnicities.”

Equally important was the merging of cultures and the fellowship that the participants developed. Despite the fact that there were 10 different nationalities represented, bonds

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John Keating  
Deputy Director of ISLI

were made between the participants that were as strong as yearlong friendships.

“[My most memorable experience] was the fact that I made long lasting relationships with people from different cultures, nationalities and who spoke many different languages,” said Pemberton.

John Keating, the deputy director of ISLI and the project officer for the DoDDS-E side of the program, said “I like the participants to bring an intense curiosity about the teens from other cultures, and of course eagerness to have a new

experience and learn leadership skills.

“It’s a special environment – ISLI. One, it’s not just lectures about the subject, it’s hands-on, group activities that immediately apply what you learn, and secondly, it is taught by students who were elected by last year’s participants,” said Keating speaking of the ISLI regents.

The regents, who are participants from the year before, present leadership skills to the current year’s participants

To sum up ISLI, Keating said simply, “It’s really an amazing experience.”

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### Summer Hire program sign-up begins

The Civilian Human Resources Agency, Europe, will begin accepting applications for the 2005 Summer Hire program on Thursday for jobs that will last June 27 through August 5.

The Summer Hire program offers young people ages 14-22 employment for the summer in locations throughout Europe.

Jobs are available in the areas of clerical, labor, and child development work.

Salary for the 2005 Summer Hire program will be \$5.14 per hour.

**Requirements:**

- Summer Hire is open to family members between the ages of 14 and 22 years old.
- Participants must be unmarried family members of an active military member or DoD civilian who will turn age 14 by June 27, and cannot reach their 23rd birthday prior to the end of the program on August 5.
- You must be a U.S. citizen to apply for positions in Italy.
- Summer Hires employed in child development positions must be at least 16 years old.

Vacancy announcements, a web-based application form, and instructions will be available on the CHRA-E Web site at <http://www.chra.eur.army.mil> from Thursday to May 13.

Applicants may also submit applications via email to: Summerhire\_Resumes@cpoceur.army.mil

or via surface mail to:  
CHRA, CPOC Europe Region  
ATTN: Summer Hire Program  
Unit 29150  
APO, AE 09100



# Benincaso Mother, Infant Pavilion

## Follow the progress

Story and photos provided by  
U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza



Dec. 8, 2004 - Digging foundation

The U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza and the 22nd Area Support Group will be sponsoring the Benincaso Mother and Infant Pavilion ribbon-cutting ceremony, Friday at 4 p.m. in the Caserma Ederle gymnasium. The community is invited to attend this landmark event for Caserma Ederle.

The maternity center has been in the planning and building process for six months, and Friday's event will honor the man it is named after – Dr. Frank V. Benincaso.

Special guests and the community will

be hosted to a sneak-preview tour of the facility lasting around 45 minutes.

The pavilion is named after one of the most beloved pediatricians who ever practiced at the Vicenza health clinic, where he worked for over 13 years.

Benincaso was a retired Army colonel who commanded the hospital at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts, and the Livorno health clinic before retiring.

His experience as a pediatrician of over 40 years is remembered by many family members who are now grown with children of their own. He was characterized by one parent as “loving, consoling, caring and compassionate.”

He passed away at his home in 2003.



Dec. 23, 2004 - Laying plumbing



Jan. 26 - Roof and outer walls



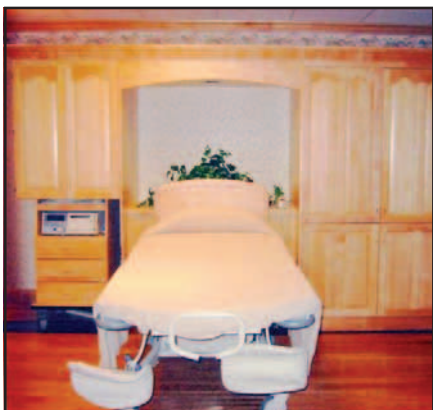
March 23 - Entrance nearly finished



Jan. 7 - Completion of Support Columns



Feb. 15 - Inside structure takes shape



Projected birthing suite furnishings

## Army surgeon general visits post, birthing center

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Jacob Caldwell  
173d Abn Bde Public Affairs

Lt. Gen. Kevin C. Kiley, U.S. Army Surgeon General, toured the soon-to-open birthing center facilities March 10 at the U. S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza.

“It’s real impressive,” said Lt. Gen. Kiley, a board-certified OB/GYN and a fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. “I congratulated the construction team, the engineer team and the design team. This a superbly designed facility.”

Lt. Gen. Kiley has been monitoring the project from afar and wanted to get a first-hand look at the new facilities.

“I spent the early part of my Army career delivering babies,” said Lt. Gen. Kiley. “I’ve got a special interest in, not only what this represents to the community, but in making sure this facility is technically of the highest quality also. I’m very pleased.”

During his visit, Lt. Gen. Kiley also made time to visit the Soldiers of Charlie Company, 173d Support Battalion (Airborne); his kinsmen by trade – the medics.

“It’s really very moving because these are great, young Americans, going into harms way, supporting our nation’s war on global terrorism,” said Lt. Gen. Kiley. “They’re a special group; medical personnel and medics.

“I told them none of our great, young Soldiers will attack the objective out of sight of a medic. So that connection between the medic and the battlefield, or in this case, the streets of Baghdad or the hills of Afghanistan, is very strong.

“I wanted to just thank them for the sacrifices that they have made to get to where they are now and thank them for their service in the months to come,” said Lt. Gen. Kiley.

Lt. Gen. Kiley has a great appreciation for Army medics, and the medics here in particular.

“The op-tempo in this community is so high — it’s high in a normal training mode and in preparation for deploying,” said Lt. Gen. Kiley. “The pressures of training preparation and anticipated deployment are great. One of the lynch pins for quality of life and a lynch pin for combat effectiveness, in my mind, is your medical treatment facility.”

Lt. Gen. Kiley had no doubts that the Soldiers will rise to the occasion during their deployment in the months to come.



U.S. Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Kevin C. Kiley inspects the progress of construction at the soon-to-open birthing center at the U. S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza March 10. Lt. Gen. Kiley is a licensed OB/GYN.

“Clearly here in Vicenza [these medics] have great leadership, both at the officer and non-commissioned officer levels. I was very impressed,” said Lt. Gen. Kiley. “They know their business and they know what they are doing.”

Lt. Gen. Kiley also took time during his tour to visit the Soldiers and staff of the U.S. Army Dental Clinic-Vicenza as well.

Kiley was appointed the 41st Surgeon General of the Army and Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on Sept. 30, 2004.

## Health clinic news

Provided by  
U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza

The Vicenza health clinic would like to thank all community members for their patience and understanding these past few months as the clinic completed the Pre-Deployment Processing for our deploying SETAF Soldiers.

As the clinic gears up for their new exciting Mother and Infant Pavilion you’ll see a number of fresh faces at the Vicenza health clinic over the next six months.

The clinic will introduce you to new clinic staff members in future *Outlook* articles, and are confident that you will enjoy the expanded services in the Obstetrics/Gynecology and Pediatric departments.

### Health clinic hours in April

The clinic will close at noon on Friday for a dedication ceremony for the Mother and Infant Pavilion.

They will be closed on April 8 for a training holiday, but open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. April 9.

The clinic will be closed on April 16 due to a scheduled power outage.

For urgent concerns when the clinic is closed, or for medical emergencies at any time, go directly to the San Bortolo Hospital Emergency Room in Vicenza.

To call for a medical emergency, call the military police at 114 on-post, or 0444-71-7114 from off-post.

You may also call the Italian EMS at 118 but this number is not answered by English-speaking operators.

### Reminder about health clinic policies

In order to improve convenience, timeliness and satisfaction, here are some current clinic policies to help you plan your time when you visit the clinic.

**Prescription Renewals** – If a routine prescription has expired, you can make an appointment with your provider to review and update your treatment course.

If your prescription is unlikely to change, such as for oral contraceptives, you can leave a telephone message for your provider. As long as your provider does not have any questions concerning your request you can expect it to be at the pharmacy in three working days.

If you stop by the clinic for a prescription renewal, the message will be given to your provider and again you should give them three working days to order your prescription.

Expecting the provider to renew the order while you wait puts a tremendous burden on the staff and interferes with scheduled patient care.

**Appointment Times** – The clinic asks you to report to the clinic 15 minutes prior to the scheduled appointment time so that check-in, vital signs and other paperwork can be completed.

If you enter the check-in line after your scheduled appointment time, you are late and may be asked to reschedule.

If you know you are going to be late or cannot keep your appointment, contact the front desk as soon as possible so they can make other arrangements for your care and use that appointment for another patient.

Every no-show is an appointment the clinic could not offer to your neighbor.

**Supervision of Children** – The clinic asks that you make childcare arrangements for your children who do not have appointments when you come to the clinic.

This is especially important if the appointment is for you, the parent.

If you need a procedure, such as a gynecology exam or a minor surgery, the provider may ask you to reschedule.

The clinic understands that many times problems arise at the last minute and they will try to accommodate your needs, but their staff is prohibited by policy from supervising children.

The clinic expects normal children to be busy, active, and boisterous, which is a good thing, but can interfere with giving you the highest quality health care.

Our exam rooms are safe for supervised children, but cannot be baby-proofed for adventurous, unsupervised children.

Whenever possible, it is best to leave your strollers in the car due to space limitations in the exam rooms.

The clinic would like to thank the community for their cooperation and understanding. It is an honor to serve the Vicenza community.



*She steps up, She commits, She leads*

# Recognizing modern-day Rosie women of our community

**By Cindy Pierson**  
*Equal Employment Officer*  
*22nd Area Support Group*

In 1942, Rosie rolled up her sleeves and demolished the little-woman stereotype of her time. She took over the jobs the men left behind as they headed off to war, and she never really gave them back.

Rosie’s contributions went far beyond helping to win a war. They redirected our society.

Rosie’s unyielding spirit lives on as we salute 10 modern-day Rosies from the Vicenza and Livorno military communities throughout the month of March in celebration of Women’s History Month.

The following women were Rosie award nominees. Even though they weren’t selected, we would like to take this opportunity to recognize them as well.

- Anamaria Alvarez
- Rita Bonamego
- Kelly Golden
- Christine Heiland
- Brooke Hennessey
- Alice Jones
- Wendy Koller
- Julie Luedke
- Regina Ramos
- Elizabeth Risso
- Anne Rivera
- Sue Staub
- Sonia Sternberg

**Name: Henrietta Isom Hawkins**  
**Background: Born and raised in Kansas City, Kansas. Graduate of Emporia State University and University Of Kansas.**  
**Current profession: 15 years as a DoDEA teacher in Italy. A total of 32 years as a teacher.**  
**Family composition: Married to James Hawkins. Has four children: Charlotte age 28, Keesha age 27, Joanna age 24, and James age 22.**

*What is your job like?*  
I am the 6th grade math teacher for 75 students, as well as a teacher for home room, language arts and reading. I enjoy seeing young minds prosper and flourish. I like to see children when they finally get it.  
*What is your secret to juggling work and family successfully?*  
Priorities are important and remembering what’s important and what isn’t. My family has always been my priority. When my children were here, I tried to tend to their needs and made sure I was always around.  
*How has the Army changed your life?*  
The Army has changed my life somewhat. These children give me a different prospective about things especially with deployment and all.

You can see the effects deployments and separations really have on the children. I had to change myself a little bit too to accommodate them because they are changing and they had to adjust to their situation.  
It also takes my husband away as he is constantly away on business to Germany and the Ukraine, and he depends on me. We were here for the Gulf War, the 173<sup>rd</sup> deployment to Iraq and now.  
I’m glad I can help out and try to ease the student’s fears a little bit; try to keep things as normal as possible; try to keep their minds on school as opposed to dad or mom being away.  
In that regard, I feel I play a role. I’d like to think that because of what we do in the classroom, the children are a little better off here then just out there thinking about their parent’s absence all the time.  
*How do you define happiness/success?*  
I have 4+1 happinesses walking around. My four children are my happiness, my 2 grandchildren and of course my husband. I’m happy and delighted I got all of them through college. Just to know that James and I have done something to make a contribution to the world with some well adjusted children makes me happy.  
*What is your secret to happiness?*  
I don’t sweat the small things. Life is too short to sweat the small things. We just have to make your own happiness in life; find things to keep you occupied; be involved.  
For many, many years when the children were here we were involved in everything and did it as a family. Now that the children are gone, my contribution has been more or less in the classroom. I have a tutoring group on Tuesday nights with children, but that’s probably about all that I’m doing right now at this point of my life. I spent many an hour on this post doing this and that and another and hoping to make a change.  
*Who has been the most inspirational and motivating person in your life?*  
There really are too many people for me, and I can’t say there is just one. I would say my family has been most inspirational. My parents; my three brothers and two sisters — we are a very close family and I have to give them credit for helping to raise my children. I have to say all of them.  
*What have you yet to accomplish?*  
My big goal is to return home and try to get established in Kansas City and get a house going. I’d like to spend more time with my grandbabies and their parents and do a little more traveling.  
*What is one thing that most people don’t know about you?*  
Most people assume that I am probably very talkative and social and that I would like to be in a group. On the contrary, I am actually a very private person and very much to myself.  
*If you could be the president for one day, what would you do?*  
I would probably have a National Teacher’s Appreciation day or week or month because I don’t think that we, as educators, especially

classroom teachers, get enough recognition for what we do. This is a tough job. We are counselors, nurses, and teachers. We’re people who have to do the discipline thing and a little bit of everything.  
A lot of folks seem to think that anybody can do it, and I just think that we, in this profession, should have a little bit more recognition. So that’s what I would do as president.  
I would give all these folks out here with a title of teacher or instructor more appreciation because I’ve walked in their shoes, and I know what it is like and maybe give them all a good pay raise.  
**Name: Susana Chavez**  
**Background: Born and raised in Venezuela. Joined the Army in October 1997.**  
**Current profession: Human Resource NCO**  
**Family composition: Married to Joseph Chavez. Has two sons: Joseph and Jesse.**  
*What is your job like?*  
I supervise two clerks in the daily processing of military personnel actions. I also maintain the unit strength reporting as well as other miscellaneous actions.  
*What is your secret to juggling work and family successfully?*  
A supportive family and the love for them.  
*How has the Army changed your life?*  
The Army has kept me focused on what matters the most for me; family, school, and the military.  
*How do you define happiness/success?*  
Happiness is being able to look back without regrets and look forward in life knowing my family and friends are proud of me.  
*What is your secret to happiness?*  
Allowing God to play a major role in my life.  
*Who has been the most inspirational and motivating person in your life?*  
My father Oscar DeArmas.  
*What have you yet to accomplish?*  
I’d like to get a bachelor’s degree.  
*What are you proudest about?*  
My beautiful family.  
*What is one thing that most people don’t know about you?*  
That I was born and raised in Venezuela.  
*If you could be the president for one day, what would you do? Why?*  
I would spend a day caring for children with terminal illnesses in the hospital.

**Name: Renee Lerner Citron**  
**Background: Born in Brooklyn, New York and raised on Long Island. Lived in Manhattan as an adult for more than 10 years before moving to Europe.**  
**Bachelors degree in psychology and education and a masters in education and taught for 6 years at an elementary school in the inner city of New York. After teaching, worked for the Mayor’s office with ex-offender programs and then worked for the federal government with the Agency on Aging as a program planner. Moved to Europe where she began her career with the Army.**  
**Current profession: Interim Deputy Garrison Commander for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Area Support Group.**  
**Family composition: Married to Richard Citron and four huge great Pyrenees dogs: Puccini, Rosini, Rolla, and Belle.**

*What is your job like?*  
Actually, I think I have the best job, not just on post, but probably in the entire Army. I am in a position where I can feel good about what I do everyday, and I see the results of my work and I do it in Italy. Then again, I thought the same way when I was the chief of the Family Support Division and Army Community Service director. I have to admit as one moves up the career ladder sometimes it is harder to see the results of your work, which takes a little bit of the fun out of it. The most fun was being the ACS director because you can actually plan programs, activate the programs, see them running and see people’s reaction based on what you did and, of course, that closeness to the program dissipates as you move up for the obvious reasons.  
*What is your secret to juggling work and family successfully?*  
I don’t think I have a secret. I don’t think that anybody can really do that successfully. I think when you have work, family and friends; you try to juggle them all. Something suffers at all times in any one of those areas. The trick, I suppose, is to try and ensure that there is as little suffering as possible. I don’t know how people who have children do it. It is easier obviously when you have dogs at home waiting for you instead of children.  
*How has the Army changed your life?*  
It’s hard to say how the Amy has changed my life because I have been with the Army so long that obviously my life would have changed no matter what I did. So thinking about this question, I try to think of the one major thing perhaps I learned from working with the Army. It might

sound corny but I really learned what real heroes in our society are, and I’m not just talking about Soldiers. Over the years, I have learned that these family members who often didn’t choose this career are truly the heroes of our society and not that many people know about them. That really is too bad. It is certainly something that I try to explain to people whenever I go back to the states and visit with friends and family. It always comes up in conversations because people generally don’t know, at least in the part of the world I come from, that we even have military communities with family members of Soldiers who have deployed and family members who have been left back in the community to fend for themselves. There is very little understanding of that.  
*What is your secret to happiness?*  
I don’t have any secrets to happiness. I think everybody has to find his or her own way.  
*Who has been the most inspirational and motivating person in your life?*  
When I was 25, I could have named one person that has been so inspirational; but because of my age, I have met so many people especially being in this field, so many incredible people that it would be hard to name just one. So many family members of Soldiers, family members of the generals that have worked here have inspired me tremendously. Also, the people I’ve worked for have inspired me; just way too many to pick one.  
*What have you yet to accomplish?*  
I would like to think that I still have things to accomplish that I can’t even imagine. Life is always full of surprises.  
*What are you proudest about?*  
On a personal level probably the selection that I made for a husband, and on a professional level probably the fact that I was selected to go to the Army War College and spent a year with the most impressive people that I have ever met. By the way Col. [Donald] Drummer was one of them. [Drummer is the 22<sup>nd</sup> ASG commander.]  
*What is one thing that most people don’t know about you?*  
I have been here so long everybody knows everything there is to know about me except for those things I don’t want anyone to know about. And everybody knows that.  
*What do you think about our Modern Day Rosies?*  
As you can see from interviewing these women what an incredible community this is. The women in this community respect each other, support each other, and they admire each other.  
This is the first community I’ve lived in where I felt this level of respect amongst our community members. I don’t know if that’s true in other military communities.  
I am honored to be within this group of Modern Day Rosie selectees and proud to be in the same group as Rosie. I know some of them, and they are the heroes I was talking about. There are those women who were not selected or nominated and they are also most noteworthy.



# Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

### Exhibitions

**Vicenza:** ARTE 2005 is an exhibition-market of modern and contemporary art that will be held at the exhibition grounds Friday - Monday. Amongst the many works of art displayed in the exhibition are 14 works by John King, born in Detroit, whose works have been shown in some of the most important art galleries in the world. The event is open Friday 4-8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., and Monday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Entrance is free. The grounds are located near the Vicenza ovest, *west*, autostrada exit.

**Verona:** The exhibition *Vetri Romani*, Roman Glass, is ongoing in the *Museo Archeologico*, Archeological Museum, located at 2 Regaste Redentore. Several hundred pieces are on show from first-century A.D.

The exhibit is open Tuesday - Sunday 8 a.m.-7 p.m., and Monday from 1:30-7 p.m. until Oct. 2. The entrance fee is 3 euro.

**Rimini:** Tuning and racing, car audio and video, car entertainment, accessories and components can be found at the “My Special Car Show” when this seaside city becomes the Italian capital of car customization.

The show is open everyday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday - Sunday, the entrance fee is 10 euro.

For further information, visit [www.myspecialcar.it](http://www.myspecialcar.it).

### Upcoming concerts

- Lenny Kravitz plays in Milan on June 6.
- Gods of Metal 2005 is scheduled in Bologna June 11. The concert starts with Extrema at 11:30 a.m. Other special guests will perform throughout the day and Iron Maiden performs at 9:30 p.m. June 12 sees Exilia start the morning with other groups performing throughout the day and Motley Crue taking the stage at 9:30 p.m.
- Guitarist Mark Knopfler will be touring Italy, to include playing at Villa Pisani in the town of Stra, province of Venice, with music from his latest CD Shangri-la.

For further information on all the above, visit [www.ticketone.it](http://www.ticketone.it).

### Visit gardens

**Valsanzibio:** The garden in the

town of Valsanzibio, province of Padova, ranges among the most important and unspoiled gardens in the world.

Planned in 1669 by the Venetian nobleman Z. F. Barbarigo, his son Gregorio, a cardinal and future saint, inspired the symbolic meaning of the plan drawn by Luigi Bernini, a Vatican architect and fountain expert. In the gardens, find fountains and fishponds, a large maze, the rabbits island, statues galore, lots of trees and more.

The garden is open everyday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and from 2 p.m.-sunset. The entrance fee is 8 euro for adults. The fee for children 6-14 years of age is 5 euro.

There is also a store in the gardens that is open in the afternoon except on Tuesdays.

Valsanzibio is located 36 kilometers from Vicenza. Before you visit the gardens, check out the map and get directions from [www.valsanziobiogiardino.it](http://www.valsanziobiogiardino.it).

**Verona:** When you enter the Giardino Giustithis, at first it looks very formal, but as you start to explore you become more and more enchanted. At the back of the garden is a small, shady wood, within which you will find a steep cliff face.

Further back you will find a pathway that climbs up a ravine and later disappears into a garden. You will find a pathway that later disappears into a tunnel that conceals a spiral staircase that leads to an upper garden. In the garden also find a maze which was designed in 1786. It is 400 meters wide, geometric in style, and is formed of a thick hedge.

The gardens, which are located ten minutes from the Arena, are open everyday from 9 a.m.-7p.m. The entrance fee is 5 euro; children younger than 10 years of age are free.

Also in the gardens, which is considered to be one of the most ancient in Europe, enjoy the *grotte acustiche*, echo cave. Here you will find mythological statues, fountains, flowers and trees. The gardens take over 2 hours to visit.

### Messer Tulips

There is no need to go to Holland to see fields of tulips. In the setting of an 18th century castle, located in the town of Pralormo, province of Torino, you will be able to see a host of more than 50,000 tulips in fields

with borders of over 40 varieties of violets.

Also find exhibitions of flower arranging, how to cook with herbs and flowers, music concerts, and see how a violin is made.

There are also stalls selling plants and gardening tools and embroidery kits.

For the children there is an area where they can see small farm animals such as chicks, rabbits and ducks. On the weekend there will also be shows, games and entertainment. There is also a bar-restaurant in the park.

If you are taking your dog, it must have a muzzle on.

The grand opening is Saturday and the exhibit will be open everyday from 10 a.m.-6 p. m. through April 25.

The entrance fee for adults is 6,50 euro, and 3 euro for children.

Get full information and directions in English from [www.contessapralormo.com](http://www.contessapralormo.com).

### Butterfly house

In the House of Butterflies, near Padova, you can see more than 400 beautiful butterflies from throughout the world, and there you will observe all the stages involved in the development from the egg to the caterpillar; the chrysalis to the butterfly.

You can also learn the difference between diurnal butterflies and nocturnal butterflies (moths) and more. In the same location is the Fairy Wood where you can see and learn about different fairies.

Before you visit, see the Web site [www.casadellefafalle.it](http://www.casadellefafalle.it) and click on the English version for full information on the butterflies and fairies.

Or visit [www.butterflyarc.it](http://www.butterflyarc.it). On this special-for-teachers site you will find additional pages on the butterflies and fairies.

The exhibit is open everyday 9 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. and 2:30-4:30 p.m. The entrance fee is 7 euro for adults and 5 euro for children ages 4-12.

You will also find a store at Butterfly Arc where you can buy butterflies.

To get to the Butterfly Arc in Montegrotto Terme, exit the autostrada at Padova Ovest and follow signs for Terme Euganee. Then follow the signs for Butterfly Arc. You can also find directions on the Web site.

## Soldiers, family members compete in Rome marathon

By Ginger Sladky  
*Special to the Outlook*

Eleven Soldiers from Charlie Company, 173d Support Battalion (Airborne) bravely descended upon Rome on March 13 to participate in the historic city’s 11th marathon, an event described simultaneously as the “most beautiful, most grueling, and most suffered of races.”

Many family members who wanted to tour Rome over the weekend and lend moral support to runners accompanied them. Some even ran in the 5K fun run.

None of our local athletes’ finishes were publicly heralded as exemplary, no matter how shrill the insistence of Sgt. Matthew Stanton that his marathon finisher’s medal represented instead a first place medal for the heavyweight division.

But combined, the company achieved far greater than the sum of its individual pieces. The majority of C Co’s participants were marathon first-timers, and all athletes

crossed the finish line. Less than one percent of the world’s population can claim the same.

For C Co, the race weekend proved that willpower prevails over pain, and individual endurance triumphs despite adversity.

The marathon finisher’s medal depicts images of the Coliseum and the Pantheon next to an image of a runner, perhaps in acknowledgment of similar qualities shared, including architectural, individualism, and extraordinary strength.

The medal also holds the image of a dove grasping an olive leaf, a known symbol of peace.

It’s a fitting symbol for a company, which will soon head to a war-torn country to provide direct support in strengthening the peace.

Over 70 different countries were represented at the Rome marathon, and approximately 10,200 competitors started. America was well-represented by some of its finest. Rest assured they’ll continue to represent, over the next year, albeit a little further from home.

## Now Showing

### Caserma Ederle Theater

<b>March 30</b>	Racing Stripes (PG)	7 p.m.
<b>March 31</b>	Elektra (PG13)	7 p.m.
<b>April 1</b>	Pooh’s Heffalump Movie (G)	7 p.m.
<b>April 2</b>	Assault On Precinct (R)	10 p.m
	Coach Carter (PG13)	2 p.m.
	Pooh’s Heffalump Movie (G)	7 p.m.
<b>April 3</b>	In Good Company (PG13)	10 p.m.
	Pooh’s Heffalump Movie (G)	2 p.m.
	Coach Carter (R)	7 p.m.

### Spring Break Schedule

<b>April 11</b>	Scooby Doo: Monsters Unleashed (PG)	3:30 p.m.
<b>April 12</b>	Finding Nemo (G)	4 p.m.
<b>April 13</b>	Finding Nemo (G)	3:30 p.m.
<b>April 15</b>	Brother Bear (G)	3:30 p.m.

### Family Nights

<b>April 6</b>	Finding Nemo (G)	5 p.m.
<b>April 20</b>	Scooby Doo: Monsters Unleashed (PG)	5 p.m.
<b>April 27</b>	Pooh’s Heffalump Movie (G)	5 p.m.

Admission for Spring Break Schedule and Family Nights:  
Adults age 12 and over \$4, children \$1.25.  
Wednesdays and Family Night will be on a trail basis.  
Response from the communy will determine continuation.

### Camp Darby Theater

<b>April 1</b>	Hide and Seek (R)	7 p.m.
<b>April 2</b>	Alone In The Dark (R)	7 p.m.

### Movie Synopsis

**ALONE IN THE DARK** - *Christian Slater, Tara Reid.* A supernatural detective named Carnby travels to Shadow Island to solve the mystery of a friend’s death. While there, he discovers the secrets of the Abskani, an ancient tribe that worshiped demonic forces which gave them incredible powers. Carnby’s findings suggest that the Abskani are poised to return to take over the world. With the help from his former girlfriend, an archeologist who has the knowledge to stop the demons, Carnby must now fight against their attempts to take over his mind as well as their attempts to conquer the Earth.

**HIDE AND SEEK** - *Robert DeNiro, Dakota Fanning.* As a widower tries to piece together his life in the wake of his wife’s suicide, he discovers that his young daughter is coping with the death in a strange and scary manner. His daughter, Emily, finds solace by creating a creepy, maniacal imaginary friend with a terrifying vendetta.

**IN GOOD COMPANY** - *Dennis Quaid, Topher Grace.* Dan is demoted from head of ad sales in a corporate takeover. His new boss, Carter is half his age—a business school prodigy who preaches corporate synergy. Both men are going through turmoil at home. Dan can’t afford to lose his job in the wave of corporate layoffs. Dan and Carter’s relationship is thrown into jeopardy when Carter begins an affair with, Dan’s daughter.

**POOH’S HEFFALUMP MOVIE** - *Animated.* The residents of the Hundred Acre Wood try to catch the terrifying Heffalumps, who have come into the forest. But Roo, too young to help in the hunt, comes across a young Heffalump named Lumpy, who proves that Heffalumps aren’t at all what people say. Thanks to Roo and Lumpy’s friendship, everyone learns a valuable lesson about working together.

Admission: Adults age 12 and over \$4, children \$2.  
The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.  
Tickets to blockbuster shows are presold at Baskin Robbins.



The coliseum in Rome is the start and finish site of Rome’s marathon and 5k fun run. Soldiers and family members from Charlie Company, 173d Support Battalion (Airborne) capture the moment before they start the competition. (Photo provided by Maj. Jose Garcia, 173d Support Bn)



# Support Our Troops Day



Story and photos  
By Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

Many community members braved the gray weather Saturday to participate in Support Our Troops Day and Egg Festival. The event took place on Hoekstra Field and included many children's activity stations, from coloring eggs to making and decorating cards for Soldiers down range.

"This is a very special event for us this year," said Annette Evans, interim director for the Directorate of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation in Vicenza. "We have many different stations and it is really for children from babies to age 12.

"For the first time, children can color eggs. We brought out 400 hard boiled eggs, and they can go through all of them.

"The children can also color little cards and say 'Happy Easter' or 'Happy Spring,' and we are going to mail them down range for the Soldiers to show them our support," she said. "We are all wearing yellow ribbons to show support for our troops."

Coloring eggs and cards were only part of the fun available for participants, there was also free lemonade and cotton candy, and Mr. Bunny was on hand for photos.

"Of course we have the big Egg Hunt too," said Evans.

The hunt was broken down into four age brackets starting off with babies and toddlers up to age two, while the successive groups ended with the 9 to 12 year-olds, who ran fast to pick up all the candies and sweets spread throughout the field.

Another first for the festival this year was a traditional Egg Roll competition. An Egg Roll competition takes place annually on the south lawn of the White House on the Monday after Easter.

Evans explained that the event was sponsored by MWR and AAFES.

The USO also contributed by hosting a giant yellow ribbon for participants to write a special message to a favorite deployed Soldier.

For those who wanted to send a video message, the AFN crew filmed "Hello Honeys" to send to loved ones down range.



A girl poses for a photo with the Easter Bunny during the event.



Children ages 9 to 12 participate in the Egg Roll competition as part of the activities for Support Our Troops Day Saturday.



A family records a "Hello Honey" message taped by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Wessner, AFN-South.



Left: Children show the content of their baskets to their mother Debbie Ford after the egg hunt on Hoekstra Field.

Below: A mother and son decorate a card saying 'Happy Easter' to send down range.

